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Items for discussion at September 21 BDCP Coordination meeting:

1. Review list of Agreements and Action Items prepared by Bruce DiGennaro (attached).
2. Near Term Habitat Restoration Projects – Status, expectations, relation to near term operations
3. Cooperating Agencies – Status, concern re BECT meetings (see email pasted in below.)

Please provide suggestions for any other items that we may need to discuss. I anticipate that we should be able to conclude this meeting in one hour.

David

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BECT Email.

Patti,

We have received your emails of 8/31/10 and 9/3/10 explaining the postponement of the BDCP Environmental Coordination Team (BECT) meetings. To say that we are extremely disappointed to hear of the suspension of the BECT meetings just as we had become a cooperating agency would be an understatement. We had hoped that federal agency involvement would bring broad, independent,

science-based direction and leadership to provide balance to a process greatly in need of it, rather than cater to its current, limited perspective.

When we were invited to become a cooperating agency, we were of the understanding the BECT process was the nucleus of an inter-agency collaborative process to review science, other data and information, to vet the environmental documentation for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). Instead the BDCP (with its canal 'precondition') and the Delta Habitat Conservation & Conveyance Program (DHCCP) seem to be handled either solely by the state or outside the BECT process. As a result we continue to see absolutely no way for local agencies such as ourselves to provide meaningful input. By the time BECT meetings resume in October or November, many (if not all) of the important decisions about the BDCP and DHCCP will have been made, again without any participation from local government within the affected areas. The below quoted paragraph from your email confirms this:

"Given the intense work on the many on-going activities related to the development of the BDCP, and the need for various key BDCP decisions and work products that effect the development of the EIR/S, the BECT meetings will be postponed for the next 30-60 days. This will allow all parties to focus on work needed to move the BDCP process forward, and in turn, will aid in effective completion of the EIR/S. DWR will notify all parties when these meetings will resume."

And even worse, we understand meetings are being held by a very few key parties behind closed doors yet again, where critical decisions are being made that may affect us in immeasurable ways for decades to come.

We continue to believe this process cannot be successful unless all parties are at the table, and we are dismayed at the lack of leadership displayed by the federal government at this juncture. There is a whole body of history of water in California that should inform the federal government of the need to provide strong leadership to truly protect the Delta rather than be party to its continuing decline.

We would be very interested to hear of any ideas you may have to rectify this untenable situation. Thank you.

Roberta

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Subject: BDCP Coordination Meetings September 14 and 15

All - In light of the BDCP principals meeting to being on Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m., I propose the following meetings:

Regular Tuesday Coordination Meeting at 9:00 a.m. (Call-in Number: 877-686-1020, Passcode: 655850#). We will try to keep the meeting to no more than one hour, and will focus on what we need to do to get ready for the principals meeting on Wednesday in light of the agenda and issues for the principals meeting Wednesday through Friday. I will forward separately Ed Sheets' email with the draft agenda and sequence of issues for the principals meeting.

Pre-meeting Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – Review issues to be discussed at principals meeting to define and assure coordination on issues. Federico will send out issue papers that have been prepared to date.

David